

REMARKS

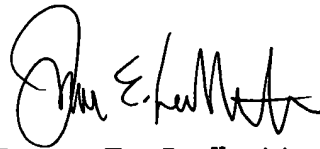
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

A Supplemental Reissue Declaration is attached. Also, a signed and dated Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and Assent of Assignee are filed herewith.

In light of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below, in order to expedite consideration and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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